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Re: Application of: Taiichi MATSUO
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 ELECTRONIC SETTling METHOD

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Commissioner for Patents
 P. O. Box 1450
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November 17, 2004

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patent to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004 for three months from August 18, 2004 to November 18, 2004.

The extension fee of \$490.00 is submitted herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500518. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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